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Letter dated 9 December 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to present to you the attached letter dated 8 December 1994, from my Prime Minister, Dr. Haris Silajdžić, addressed to you (see annex).

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating the text of the present letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 39, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY
Ambassador and Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Letter dated 8 December 1994 from the Prime Minister of Bosnia and Herzegovina addressed to the Secretary-General

I turn to you with the request that the United Nations undertake, as soon as possible, all necessary measures to fulfil the Agreements on the Sarajevo Airport and the road connecting the airport and the city of Sarajevo.

The road is now under the complete control of the Serbian aggressor forces, although according to the Agreement, it should be under the authority of the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR).

At the airport, UNPROFOR employed about 100 locally recruited Serbs, who have the airport in full control. According to our information, they are also armed, so that there is a real danger that they could take over the airport.

It is indispensable that UNPROFOR re-establish full control of the airport and the road connecting the airport and the city of Sarajevo, and limit the airport local staff to controllers only.

Until the road is under complete UNPROFOR control, it will be necessary to use the airport to Dobrinja and Dobrinja to Hrasnica roads for humanitarian purposes. Although a new Security Council resolution should not be required to implement the above steps, we would ask for your support if, in fact, one is proposed on the matter.

The measures we insist upon are indispensable, for by breaking the Agreements on the Sarajevo Airport and the road connecting the airport and the city of Sarajevo, the survival of more than 300,000 citizens, who are now under complete blockade, is threatened.

UNPROFOR has the means available to take the necessary steps and we expect prompt action.